

The assertion "Compared to the privileges accorded in 1951 to entry-level licensees, the privileges authorized today for the SAME CLASS (my emphasis) of amateurs are inferior by several orders of magnitude." is simply incorrect.

Compared to today's privileges, 1950's-era Novice licensees were authorized less power (75W input vs. 200W output); were limited to crystal controlled transmitters; were authorized on less HF bands than today; and had no HF voice privileges.

Compared to today's privileges, 1950's-era Technician (equivalent to today's "Tech with Code") licensees had no HF privileges, and no access to the popular 2-meter band.

Thus, looking at the SAME CLASS of entry-level licensee, today's amateurs of the Novice and Tech (with 5WPM code) have in fact greatly expanded privileges over their 1950's counterparts.

Respectfully,

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